

The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

September 2024

President's Message

"Happily we bask in this warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures."

Henry David Thoreau

Hello Members!

It's GO time for all of our members! We are still in desperate NEED of lapidary-related donations or any other higher end item that might be great for the Silent Auction table. (Lapidary books, other pieces of art or creations...etc)

Thank you, Jane Richard-Lerma for keeping our Instagram updated with the beautiful creations for the Silent Auction table! Take a look! It's fabulous!
Livingstongems on Instagram

Thank you to Joe M and Parker for tackling a little clean up at the shop recently! It takes ALL hands on deck to keep our shop running and every little bit helps. Sorry if you happened to do something amazing on a day that no one noticed! Just know that YOU are so appreciated!

We may be able to purchase a collection from a former member. This collection, called "Tara Collection" for now, may possibly be included in the upcoming show! A spending limit has been approved by the board and our purchases will depend on the final cost of the following items:

- *Bull Wheel Flat Polisher
- *Diamond Pacific Titan Grinder and Poll Step
- *Spec. No. G8-216-60 Loritone Lapidary Trim Saw
- *Model FS Beacon Star Super Saw
- *Model TC-I4 Covington Buffing Wheel
- *About 30 tubs of geodes, Petoskey stones, tiger eye, snowflake obsidian, petrified wood, etc.
- *4 steel tables with storage

Summer Safety reminders - Any hair, jewelry, necklaces, loose clothing, etc. must not be hanging forward when working with any machine-saw, grinder or torch. Hair bands will be provided free for anyone needing them. They are near the sign-in sheet. (Please do not put used hair bands back)

****Air conditioning at the shop has been supposed to have been repaired.... there have been some hot days in the shop and we are waiting for some answers from the school. Kitchen sinks are still NOT to be used.

Foot protection – NO exposed skin on the feet, in case something sharp falls or drops or burning embers fall (flip-flops, sandals etc). If not proper, you will be asked to get the proper footwear or leave the shop. Please wear footwear that is comfortable, not slippery and can get dirty or wet.

September Meeting, Tuesday, 9/10/24 (note earlier week) – at the shop.

5:30 fall show planning and 6:00 pm general meeting. Bring a snack if you would like to share. **SPECIAL RAFFLE** Purchase tickets at the end of the meeting. Tickets will be sold in a raffle and the winner will be drawn. Must be present to buy tickets. Everyone would get a chance if they purchase a ticket. \$2-one ticket, \$5-three tickets, \$10-six tickets and \$20-fourteen tickets. One purchase per member. One win per person. (Photos posted on LGMS private FB page.)

1. Medium rough Chrysoprase
2. Small rough Amber pieces
3. Small rough Amber pieces
4. Small rough Turquoise piece, small rough Moonstone piece
5. Large piece Strawberry Quartz

(President's message cont.)

*Dues for 2025 LGMS membership are \$65 (due December 31, 2024 with \$1 daily shop fee. Remember; please add the \$5 locked drawer fee and the drawer #, if you are using one. (One drawer per person) Some locked drawers are now available. You can mail your dues to: Linda Sheedy, 1582 Forest Bay Ct., Wixom, MI 48393



T Shirts are in!
They are purple & green & fabulous!
You may purchase the shirts,
S-2X- \$15, 3X-4X - \$18.



Reminder: ALL board positions are open to be filled for 2025. Please get your name and info to the nominating committee for consideration. (AnnMarie McFadden & Jim Johnson) Candidates are posted in October/November newsletter and voting for officers takes place (in person voting only) at November general meeting.

September shop hours - Tuesday thru Friday. Tues/Wed 9 am-9 pm, Thurs 9 am-9 pm (silversmiths only), and Friday 10 am-4 pm. (If there are not 2 members in the shop on Fridays, the closer may choose to leave earlier than 4:00. Be aware) There must always be at least 2 people in the shop to use the machines for safety reasons.

Please note the times/dates for ALL this year's club meetings are posted in this newsletter. Please attend and support your club, so your voice may be heard! Remember, the shop will be closed at 5:30 pm on general membership meeting days. Machines will shut down at 5:00 if fall show meeting is held in the shop.

Please stay well, my fellow members! You are all treasures! Contact info: caricatures@comcast.net or cell phone 248-931-5999.

Sincerely yours, *Cari Jacob*

2024 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Cari Jacob 248-931-5999

Vice President: Cinda Wilson 810-423-0464

Secretary: Terri Ridenour 517-376-2191

Treasurer: Linda Sheedy 248-425-9686

Shop Chair: Bill Magee 734-981-6117

Second year Directors:

Lori Irvin 810-820-0494

Sandra Wrestler 248-875-5921

First year Directors:

Jim Johnson 810-923-6113

AnnMarie McFadden 248-884-8126

Newsletter: Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804,
imvm.1@netzero.com

Membership: Lori Irvin 810-820-0494

Historian: Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586

Library: Bryant Hiiter, 248-472-8481

Webmaster: John Myer, www.livingstongems
Email: LGMSMich@gmail.com

show website: lgmsrockshow.com

Instagram: livingstongems

General Membership Meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm. (Except in January and February when only board meetings are held.)

Children's Table Needs

Please place any contributions on top of the "Children's Table" cabinet

- * egg cartons, styrofoam one dozen size
- * assorted small to medium colorful stones for grab bags
- * collections of identified stones for egg carton collections

**Join us to stuff the grab bags
at 10 am on September 6.**

LGMS General Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024, Settlers Park

Call to Order: 6:14pm

Present: Lori Irvin, Cari Jacob, Jim Johnson, Ann Marie McFadden, Terri Ridenour, Linda Sheedy, Cinda Wilson, Sandy Wrestler. **Absent:** Bill Magee.

Present-8 Absent-1 Quorum-5 Members-18

Approval of Minutes: Were accidentally skipped over.

President's Report: Cari Jacob stated that the air conditioning was up and running at the shop again. The plumbing is still not fixed and we are not sure when it will be fixed.

The annual election of officers this year will have all seats available except for 2nd year directors. Anyone who is interested in putting their name on the ballot for 2025 should do so by the October Newsletter. Voting for new board members will be held at the November meeting.

Vice President's Report:

1. 20 on training list.
2. Training will resume till the end of October.
3. Train the Trainer: Cinda Wilson made a motion for the LGMS Club to pay \$680.00 for Lavonne Foldenauer to attend classes at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Young Harris, Georgia on October 6, 2024. This will not include gas, materials \$100-500.00 or her donation for the auction. 2nd by Bryant Hiiter. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: All in good standing.

Shop keeper's Report: Absent, no report.

Silversmith's Report: Lavonne stated the waiting list is almost caught up.

Rock of the Month: Will resume on October 2.

Mohawk Valley Trip- Herkimer Diamonds Mineral Mine- Ted Vosburgh went on trip to the mines, found several Herkimer diamonds and also purchased some. Ted is planning to go again this year and will let the club know the dates.

New Business: Sign up for our annual Dream Rock Show will be available on SignUpGenius and at the shop. We need all club members to participate to make this a successful show.

Old Business: Rock Show Meeting was held at 5:30-6:00. Preparations include:

1. Clean up shop before the show will be on Sept.17 & 18.
2. Bryant Hiiter, Mark and Terri Ridenour will start pricing the rocks for the show at the storage unit.
3. Pick up rocks and equipment from the storage unit- Bryant Hiiter, Mark and Terri Ridenour, Autumn Kennedy and anyone else that wants to help on Friday September 20th.
4. Presale tickets for the show are \$10.00 for club members and will be sold from Sept.2 -19th. The presale will start at 5:30. Vendors have presale tickets included in their packets.
5. Ed Oller has donated 27 cabs to silversmiths and only 7 have been turned into jewelry for auction.
6. Only club members who are working will get in free.
7. We need donations for the silent auction table and raffle.
8. Signup for the show will be on SignUpGenius and at the shop.
9. Club members will receive \$10.00 club bucks for every 4 hours that they work at the Dream Show to be used at LGMS Club table.
10. Display cases will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Use only vinegar and water solution to clean the inside of the glass. Cari Jacob brought some bottles of vinegar and water into the shop for use on the display cabinets. Windex glass cleaner discolors silver jewelry.
11. Buy it now items at the silent auction.
12. We will start calling members to volunteer for the show.
13. September 10 in the shop will be the next meeting.

Adjournment: Terri Ridenour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53, 2nd by Linda Sheedy. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Terri Ridenour, Secretary



September 6-8, 2024

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club

Pratt Pavilion, Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 W. Poe Rd, Bowling Green, OH 43402
 Info: Rockyreader.com

September 13-15, 2024

Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show

Soccer Stop Sportsplex, 5 River Hills Dr., Holland MI 49424
 Info: CJ Proos 616-335-0045, charliejohnproos@gmail.com, www.tulipcity.org

September 21-22, 2024

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society's Annual Show

Hartland Educational Support Services Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd, Howell, MI 48843
Attend! Volunteer! Support your club!

September 28-29, 2024

Flint Rock and Gem Club Annual Show

Crossroads Village and Hucklebery Railroad, 6140 N. Bray Rd, Flint, MI 48505
 Info: Bill Wendling 810-638-5796, www.flintrockandgem.org

September 28-29, 2024

Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club Annual Show

Cherryland VFW, 34 Veterans Dr., Traverse City, MI
 Info: Lauren Vaughn 231-276-6150, maple28@aol.com

2024 LGMS BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

Please be aware that during membership meetings the shop will be totally shut down at 5:45 pm.
 We will probably add in show meetings starting in May at 4:30-5:30 same day as general meetings.

Month	2024 date	Time	Meeting type	Location	
1	Wed. 1/24	1 pm	Board Meeting		
2	Wed. 2/21	1 pm	Board Meeting		
3	3/19	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
4	4/16	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
5	5/21	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
6	6/18	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
7	7/16	6 pm	General Membership	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
8	8/20	6 pm	General Membership	Settlers Park	Shop shut down at 5:45
9	9/10 (one week early)	6 pm	General Membership/before fall show on 9/21-9/22	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
10	10/15	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
11	11/19	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
12	12/17	6 pm	General Membership during Holiday Party	Senior Center	Shop shut down at 5:45



**Here are the rocks for the Special Prize Drawing at the General Meeting on September 10.
Attend and buy your ticket!**

September Birthstone: Sapphire

Although sapphire typically refers to the rich, blue gemstone variety of the mineral corundum, this royal gemstone occurs in a rainbow of hues. Sapphires come in every color except red, which instead earn the classification of rubies.

Trace elements like iron, titanium, chromium, copper, and magnesium give naturally colorless corundum a tint of blue, yellow, purple, orange, or green, respectively. Sapphires in any color but blue are called “fancies.”

Pink sapphires toe a fine line between ruby and sapphire. In the U.S., these gemstones must meet a minimum color saturation to be considered rubies. Pinkish-orange sapphires called padparadscha (from the Sri Lankan word for “lotus flower”) can draw higher prices than some blue sapphires.

The name “sapphire” comes from the Latin *sapphirus* and Greek *sappheiros*, meaning “blue stone,” though those words may have originally referred to lapis lazuli. Some believe it originated from the Sanskrit word *sanipriya* which meant “dear to Saturn.”

Sapphire gems are found in India, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, China, Australia, Brazil, Africa, and North America (mainly Montana). Their origin can affect their value as much as color, cut, clarity, and carat size.

The remarkable hardness of sapphires, which measure 9 on the Mohs scale, is second only to diamond. They aren’t just valuable in jewelry, but also in industrial applications, including scientific instruments, high-durability windows, watches, and electronics.

Sapphire gemstones symbolize loyalty, nobility, sincerity, and integrity.



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Howell, Michigan 48843-9098



September

**General Membership Meeting on
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
at the shop**

5:30 pm fall show planning.

6 pm General Meeting

Snacks welcome!

Special Raffle!

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1970. The annual membership fee is \$65.00 for adults and \$25.00 for youth ages 13-17. There is an additional fee of \$1.00 per day for workshop use. Annual dues and annual shop fees are due on December 31 of each year. The Livingston Gem and Mineral Society publishes *The Living Stones*. Non copyrighted articles may be reprinted provided that they are properly attributed. Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month. Articles or correspondence can be sent to LGMS, Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 E. Highland Rd. Howell, Michigan 48843-9098.

Our Mission

The Livingston Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit organization and member of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Our purpose is to promote, through educational means, public interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, archaeology, paleontology and the lapidary arts.